

**MINUTES  
GENERAL MEETING  
Saturday June 8, 2024**

**Meeting opened at: 10:01 am**

**1. Present and apologies:**

**Present: 27**

**Apologies: 17**

2. Gary Byard opened the meeting and talked about his military service, specifically about the privilege of observing and contributing to promotion of others by their peers. He went on to acknowledge the contribution of Craig Tyeson and made a presentation to him from the Committee in recognition of his service as President.

**3. Minutes of the General Meeting held on 9 March, 2024.**

**Motion: That the amended minutes of the previous meeting are accepted as an accurate record.**

**Moved: Mark Johnson Seconded: Nicola Cox Carried**

**3. Business Arising from Minutes**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
<b>3.1</b>	Follow up with PWS regarding Service Requests. Advise of fallen eucalypt in Bonnily Park. Service Requests have been re-directed to GTC. Andrew McCarthy (Director Infrastructure at GTC) is following up. Beach directional signage is ready to go. Minor clean up at Havelock Street to be progressed.	<b>Gary</b>
<b>3.2</b>	Forward Sea Spurge Report to members available on request.	<b>Craig</b>
<b>3.3</b>	Consider whether to employ contractors to attend to maintenance issues. Our Constitution and Insurance coverage does not provide for employment of trades. Most maintenance work undertake is on Crown land or land leased by GTC. Property Services and GTC have their own contractors. WPA has a Volunteer Agreement with NRE that does not provide for employment of trades.	<b>Committee</b>
<b>3.4</b>	Consider GTC Australia Day Grant for Sand Castles 2025. <b>In progress</b>	<b>Committee</b>
<b>3.5</b>	Remind members of Easter Market raffle ticket sales online. <b>Done</b>	<b>Craig</b>
<b>10.5</b>	Update members on outcome of Mayor and GM meeting. Fast News. <b>Priority again identified as WMBRA Development Plan. Refer to Township Character Plan.</b>	<b>Craig</b>
<b>3.6</b>	Write to Property Services to request clarity regarding sale of Crown land in Weymouth. Reply tabled. There have been 4 lots for listed for sale in Davies Street in consultation with GTC. Further lots to the	<b>Gary</b>



	west of Walden and Miller Streets may be considered for sale in the future.	
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#### 4. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Summary Report sent to members and tabled. Lynn van Emmerik requested an electronic copy which was sent to her immediately by email. She requested that Financial Reports are made available to members electronically prior to future meetings.

**Motion: That the Treasurer's report is accepted.**

**Moved: Gary    Seconded:    Sally von Bertouch    Carried**

#### 5. Correspondence:

##### In:

- Commonwealth Grant Application: Volunteer Grant for \$2,000 for dishwasher successful.
- Updated Quotes for dishwasher.
- Letter from Guy Barnett regarding "Saluting Our Service" Grant application.
- Event Approval and Temporary Food Licence for Winter Solstice.
- Event Approval and Approval for BYO alcohol for Christmas in July.
- Emails from Lynn van Emmerik: Easter Market Feedback.
- Email from Jason Orr regarding GTC contribution towards cost of the dishwasher.
- Email from Shane Power regarding dishwasher installation.
- Responses from PWS regarding Havelock Street and beach signage.
- Incorporation report to DoJ.
- Letter from Matt Keogh MP regarding DVA Grant: successful.

##### Out:

- Letters of thanks to Easter Market Sponsors.
- Letter of thanks to Lindal Byard.
- Letter of response to Lynn van Emmerik
- Email to Shane Power, Cheryl Hyde and Dravid Rao regarding dishwasher grant.

**Motion: That the inwards correspondence is received and the outwards endorsed.**

**Moved: Gary Byard    Seconded: Zich Zichy-Woinarski    Carried**

#### 6. External committees updates

- 6.1 Pipers River Neighbourhood Watch. Update sent to members by email.
- 6.2 George Town Coastal Communities Management Group. No update.

#### 7. GTC Service Requests

- 7.1 George Town Council
  - Additional wheelie bins for Weymouth Hall.
  - Replace Info sign near Telstra hut.
  - Re-gravel layby near welcome sign.
- 7.2 Property Services
  - Nil

#### 8. Update from WPA Committee

- 8.1 Dishwasher installation

8.2 Smart TV for Hall. Mark Johnson and Gary Byard provided information from the Committee regarding the purchase of a large screen TV for the Hall. Stan van Emmerik asked whether a SMART projector similar to the one at TOS Golf Club would be better. Responses from the floor suggested that this option is not as good as a SMART TV. Phil von Bertouch spoke in favour of a large screen TV. Sue Woinarski suggested no cost ceiling.

**Motion: That we proceed with the purchase of a large screen SMART TV. Cost to be determined by the Committee.**

**Moved: Gary Byard Seconded: Mark Johnson Carried**

**Action: Craig will investigate Grant options to assist with costs.**

8.3 Beach directional signage. Quotes have been obtained. Awaiting approval from either PWS or GTC.

8.4 NFP Tax Exempt status update. Nicola and Craig advised of new ATO requirements for NFPs. Nicola has Annual Review is in progress.

8.5 Investigate grants for solar panels for hall roof. This will be referred to GTC. Sue and Zich may be able to assist. Lynn van Emmerik asked what benefit there was to the installation of solar panels as GTC pays for power at the Hall. Craig responded that it would strengthen our relationship with GTC and that they would welcome the opportunity to have reduced power bills.

8.6 Concerns regarding communication during extended power outages.

Gary spoke about extended power outages and how they affect mobile phone communication.

**Action: Gary to write to Optus suggested a power backup system for the Optus tower.**

## 9. Update from Sub Committees

9.1 Weymouth Main Beach Recreation Area (WMBRA) Sub Committee. *See 10.3.*

9.2 Environment Sub Committee. Sea Spurge report received. GTC Cat Management policy in progress. ESC will request a microchip reader from GTC. Sue Woinarski provide dan update from the Sub Committee. The ESC has purchased 3 new cat traps and euthanise drugs. She has met with the Compliance officer at GTC who has confirmed that the WPA protocol is compliant. World Environment Day Walk by ESC members highlighted weed growth.

The WPA Coastal Management Plan is up to date and provides for coastal management. This requires further investigation with appropriate agencies.

9.3 Fire Management and Community Recovery Sub Committee – *No update.*

9.4 Weymouth Cricket Club: *See 10.3.*

9.5 Maintenance Sub Committee. Maintenance issues pending subject to outcome of discussion with PWS and GTC. Some work has been undertaken on track maintenance.

## 10. General Business

10.1 Congratulations to Carmen Bowkett on receiving a Volunteer Award from the GTC.

10.2 Bronze Plaque and “Saluting Their Service Commonwealth Grant” submission has been successful. The plaque is in production with a Hobart firm.

10.3 Township Character Plans. Feedback from members. WPA response to GTC. Responses from members:

- Gary Byard: Trevor Street boat ramp toilet facility and improved parking needs to be added. He also suggested that improved road width is an important consideration. Refer to pages 74 to 79 of the TCP.
- Sally von Bertouch: Do we have a say in the types of trees to be planted? Suggest natives and not deciduous. Refer to the planting schedule pages 80-81 of the TCP. Heather Barwick advised that flowering gums are no longer available. Lindal Byard also supported Sally’s comments regarding consultation.



- Lindal Byard: No inclusion of details regarding the WMBRA Development Plan. She suggested that looking at the priorities of other coastal communities is important to gain perspective. More detail is required in the TCP.
- Zich Zichy-Woinarski: How does GTC priorities where money is spent? The Weymouth Cricket Ground is a designated Nearby Safer Place and should be included as a priority. WPA members are well aware of our priorities. Further community consultation is required regarding resourcing or priorities.
- Debbie Quon: There needs to be an indication of timeframes.
- **Action: Craig to put together a summary of responses and submit as a WPA members' response by June 14.**

10.4 Winter Solstice. This will take place tonight commencing at 5:30 pm with the walk scheduled to commence at 6:00 pm. This will be followed by a BBQ. WPA has purchased a new fire pot.

10.5 Christmas in July. As of Saturday, June 8 64 tickets have been sold. There are 6 remaining tickets available. Kevin and Pam Watkins have been offered Complimentary Tickets in recognition of Kevin's Life Membership.

10.6 Membership Database and Management System. Craig provided details about the new Membership Management System, email communication and Microsoft Business basic subscription (free).

#### **Microsoft Business Basic**

- Free subscription as a confirmed NFP
- Web based applications
- Microsoft Teams to replace Zoom at no cost
- Dedicated email addresses

#### **Committee Restructuring**

- Committee roles now assigned based on individual events
- This helps spread the load more equitably
- Dedicate email addresses
- Executive business remains with executive members

#### **Membership Management Software**

- Better Impact: Member Impact: Online membership management system
- No longer spreadsheet based which is inefficient
- No unnecessary duplication
- Members can update their own details: [myimpactpage.com](http://myimpactpage.com)
- Emails regarding membership activity sent directly from Better Impact

#### **New Email Addresses**

- General enquiries to: [admin@weymouth.org.au](mailto:admin@weymouth.org.au)
- Easter Market enquiries to [market@weymouth.org.au](mailto:market@weymouth.org.au)
- Financial enquiries to: [treasurer@weymouth.org.au](mailto:treasurer@weymouth.org.au)
- Other event enquiries: [events@weymouth.org.au](mailto:events@weymouth.org.au)
- More efficient
- Specific enquiries directed to the relevant Committee member
- New contact details on the website
- Agendas and Minutes now available publically (login no longer required) with most attendee details removed

10.7 Festival of Small Halls. Gary Byard provided some information regarding the Festival of Small Halls <https://festivalofsmallhalls.com/about-us/>.

**Action: Gary to follow up and gain more specific information. Refer to Committee for consideration.**

**11. Other General Business**

- 11.1 Zich raised the issue of road markings on Weymouth Road. Gary advised that the GM GTC has followed up and new line marking is scheduled for later this month.
- 11.2 Zich asked that mobile phones be placed on silent during WPA meetings.
- 11.3 Heather Barwick provided an update from GTC. Her belief is that rates should not increase. There is a push to have rates for Weymouth the same as Low Head and George Town. There has been an increase in permanent staff at GTC from 45 to 55. Heather will send Budget info to the Executive once it is available.
- 11.4 Zich said that the Fire Levee should be based on the Country rate and not the same as George Town. GTC collects the Fire Levee on behalf of the State Government.

**12. Next meeting: 2024**

- General Meeting: Saturday, November 2

**Committee Meetings 2024:**

- Saturday, August 3
- Saturday, October 5
- Saturday, December 7

**Other Events: 2024**

- Christmas in July: Saturday July 6, 6:00 pm – 10:30 pm
- Anniversary Event: Saturday, November 2
- Christmas Drinks TBA

**12. Meeting closure: 11:40 pm**

**Action Items:**

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8.2.1	Arrange purchase of large screen SMART TV	Committee
8.2.2	Investigate Grant options for TV.	Craig
8.6	Write to Optus to suggest a power backup system for the Optus tower in the event of extended power outages.	Gary
10.3	Submit WPA Members response to Township Character Plans to GTC by June 14	Craig
10.7	Follow up and gain more specific information about Festival of Small Halls. Refer to Committee for consideration.	Gary